MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivadrum*): May I know whether, since the present Superintendent, Central Prison, took charge, there is not room for the complaint that he is having more members of *his* community in the Central Prison? (*Laughter.*)

Principles followed in making appointments in the Anchal Department.

255. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): With regard to the appointments in the Anchal Department, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what are the principles or criteria, other than service and general qualifications, observed in the department for (i) confirmation and (ii) promotion; and

(*b*) whether any violation of the general rule has been made in the case of any during the last three years up to date (30-11-1107), and, if so, the reasons for the same?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Passing of the Anchal Departmental Examination or exemption by Government from passing the examination in deserved cases. Efficiency is also taken into account in the matter of promotion.

(*b*) No.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know in how many cases, during the last two years, exemption was granted from passing the Anchal Test?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The information is not available.

Purchase of milk for the Central Prison.

256. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the sum now spent yearly for the purchase of milk in the Central Prison;

(*b*) whether the milk used is Nestle's Ideal Swiss condensed milk;

(*c*) the average daily number of sick persons in the Jail Hospital and the average quantity of milk used per head;

(*d*) whether there is any difference between the market rate of this milk and the rate at which it is supplied to the Prison; and

(*e*) whether the authorities have tried whether local cow's milk could not be procured for the purpose?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Rs. 1,000 per annum.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) 6. 9·93 oz. per head.

(*d*) Yes. The rate at which the milk is supplied is Rs. 3 per case of 4 dozens of tins less than the market rate.

(*e*) Yes.

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MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : In regard to the answer to part (*a*), may I know what amount out of this Rs. 1,000 was actually spent during 1106 ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I cannot say.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : In regard to the answer to part (*c*), may I know whether the whole quantity of milk used in the Prison was consumed by these six persons alone or by others as well ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Only the average is given.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know whether the whole quantity supplied to the Prison was *actually* consumed by these six persons ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Milk diet has been prescribed only for these six persons.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : In regard to part (*b*) may I know who supplies Nestle's Ideal Swiss milk ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : A contractor.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : In regard to part (*d*), may I know whether, at any time after the milk supply was given on the contract system, the market rate was actually lower than the rate at which the contractor is paid ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Answer to part ( ) is in the affirmative. May I know what was the result of the trial ? Did they find cow's milk more costly ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The cow's milk was not discontinued on considerations of cost. The then Durbar Physician reported that cow's milk may become putrified and that it would be safer to use Nestle's Ideal milk.

Construction of a new building for the V. M. School, Malayinkil.

257. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : With reference to the Malayinkil V. M. school in the Neyyattinkara taluk, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the present school building is in a dilapidated condition ;

(*b*) whether an estimate has been prepared by the Public Works Department for putting up a new building, and, if so, when ; and

(*c*) why the new construction has not been ordered ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This part does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*) above.

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